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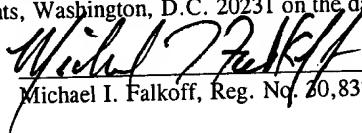
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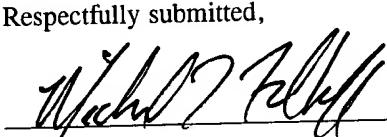
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To the Assistant Commissioner:

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of the period in which to reply to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2001. As so extended the period for reply runs through December 15, 2001. A Response is filed herewith. Please charge the extension fee to PTO Deposit Account 141449, for which purpose a copy of this sheet is attached. A return receipt postcard is also enclosed.

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